

December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-804. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abatement of Interest" (RIN1545-AV32) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-805. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on transportation security for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-806. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the Board's appeal to the Office of Management and Budget regarding the initial determination of their fiscal year 2000 budget request; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-807. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's report on services provided to foreign aviation services in fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-808. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Spectrum Below 5 GHz Transferred from Federal Government Use" (Docket 94-32) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-809. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Extension of the Interim Groundfish Observer Program Through 2000" (I.D. 081498C) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-810. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 111698B) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-811. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, LA" (RIN2115-AE47) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-812. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-216-AD) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-813. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-7 and DHC-8 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-237-AD) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-814. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-153-AD) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-815. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737, 747, 757, 767, and 777 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-263-AD) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-816. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pilot Schools" (RIN2120-ZZ15) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-817. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pilot Schools" (RIN2120-ZZ14) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-818. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-348-AD) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-819. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E2 Airspace; Atlanta Dekalb-Peachtree Airport, GA" (Docket 98-ASO-17) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-820. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A321" (Docket 98-NM-302-AD) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-821. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Swordfish Fishery; Quota Adjustment" (I.D. 111698C) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-822. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-336-AD) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-823. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Limited, Bristol Engines Division and Rolls-Royce (1971) Limited, Bristol Engines Division Viper Series Turbojet Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-06-AD) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-824. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-227-AD) re-

ceived on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-825. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200 Series Airplanes Powered by Rolls-Royce RB211-535E4/E4B Engines" (Docket 97-NM-311-AD) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-826. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bolivar, MO" (Docket 98-ACE-33) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-827. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; West Plains, MO" (Docket 98-ACE-37) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-828. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Eight Coast Guard District Annual Marine Events" (Docket 08-98-018) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-829. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" (Docket 95-NM-275-AD) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-830. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-61A, D, E, L, N, NM, R, and V Helicopters" (Docket 96-SW-29-AD) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-831. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Valparaiso, IN" (Docket 98-AGL-53) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-832. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-485; San Jose, CA" (Docket 95-AWP-6) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-833. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Taunton River, MA" (Docket 01-97-098) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-1. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Suffolk County, New York, relative

to veterans' rights; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

POM-2. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, relative to the year 2000 census; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-3. A resolution adopted by the Council of Cincinnati, Ohio, relative to the Cincinnati Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-4. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of Puerto Rico; Ordered to lie on the table.

SENATE RESOLUTION 1840

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The People of Puerto Rico suffered enormous material damages during September 21 and 22, 1998, as the result of the landfall of Hurricane "Georges" over all the territory of Puerto Rico. The path of destruction that this atmospheric phenomenon left in the cities and rural areas is unprecedented in our recent history. The damages to the infrastructure, housing and economic development have only begun to be calculated and already surpass billions of dollars. Undoubtedly, it will take months to replace the material damages caused by this traumatic event.

However, on this difficult moment for Puerto Rico, its has been a source of hope and inspiration for everybody that the Federal Government, by orders and the direct and decisive intervention of Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, has responded with compassion, quickness, promptitude and praiseworthy efficiency to the petition for aid made by Governor Pedro J. Rosselló on behalf of the People of Puerto Rico. The effects of "Georges" had barely stopped being felt over the territory of Puerto Rico, when President Clinton had already declared the Island a major disaster area. Due to the fact that we Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens, the Island is eligible to receive millions of dollars in immediate aid from the Federal Government. This aid has been initially channeled through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), agency which immediately sent dozens of its employees and officials to promptly begin evaluating the damages and the distribution of aid.

The presidential declaration of disaster area, effective on September 24, 1998, was followed by visible manifestations and messages of concern and support to the residents of Puerto Rico, as well as the immediate envoy to Puerto Rico of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Andrew Cuomo, and of the administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), Aida Alvarez, in order to prepare and submit to the President a detailed report of the damages. In addition, he designated a Presidential Commission composed of such federal officials and by the White House aide for Puerto Rico affairs and co-chair of the Interagency Working Group on Puerto Rico, Jeffrey Farrow, led by the First Lady of the United States of America, Hillary Rodham Clinton. This Commission traveled to Puerto Rico and its members were able to personally examine on September 29, the damages caused by the hurricane when they flew over and visited many affected localities including the municipalities of Luquillo and Guayama.

Among the aid authorized by President Clinton for Puerto Rico as the result of the visit of the First Lady, in addition to other aid authorized by law, came: the shipment of two hundred thousand (200,000) gallons of water and one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds of ice daily to Puerto Rico; the allocation of thirty million dollars

(\$30,000,000.00) to create temporary jobs for displaced workers as a result of the hurricane; the allocation of thirty nine million dollars (\$39,000,000.00) for the reconstruction of public housing units; five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for cleaning up roads and rebuilding bridges that give access to remote areas; and a special program of one hundred percent (100%) financing for owners who lost their homes, sponsored by the Federal Housing Agency.

The personal interest taken by President Clinton regarding the emergency caused by Hurricane "Georges" in Puerto Rico and the rapid, agile and efficient response given by the Federal Government to this situation, evidenced by the mobilization of personnel and resources of the federal agencies, by the presence in the island of important federal officials and members of Congress, and the massive allocation of funds and resources to help the victims of the hurricane, have visibly helped the People of Puerto Rico to recover their courage and hope after their sensible losses suffered.

The Senate of Puerto Rico recognizes and thanks the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, for his work on behalf of the People of Puerto Rico on this difficult moment.

Be it resolved by the Senate of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—Express to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, its recognition for the agile, prompt and efficient manner in which he responded to the petition for federal aid made by the Government of Puerto Rico as the result of the emergency caused by Hurricane "Georges", that hit the island on September 21 and 22, 1998 and for the rapid declaration and mobilization of Federal Government resources and officials to attend to the damages caused by the Hurricane in Puerto Rico.

Section 2.—This Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

Section 3.—The Office of the Clerk is instructed to remit a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the U.S. Senate for distribution to the members of their respective bodies.

Section 4.—This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

POM-5. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 513

Whereas, The Delaware River represents one of Pennsylvania's and one of the nation's most important water resources, serving as a water supply for 17 million persons in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware; and

Whereas, The Delaware River is an interstate stream forming the boundary between states for its entire length of 330 miles; and

Whereas, Two major sections of the Delaware River have been designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

Whereas, The remaining section of the Delaware River has been studied and is now in the process of being designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

Whereas, The Delaware River and the Pennsylvania tributaries serve as a major recreational facility for the large population of the New York/Philadelphia Metropolitan Areas; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States created the Delaware River Basin Compact (Compact) in recognition of the need to coordinate the efforts of the four

states and Federal agencies and to establish a management system to oversee the use of water and related natural resources of the Delaware River Basin; and

Whereas, The Compact was enacted by the legislatures of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware and by Congress and was signed into law on September 27, 1961, to provide a mechanism to guide the conservation, development and administration of water resources of the river basin; and

Whereas, The Compact established the Delaware River Basin Commission (Commission) as the agency to coordinate the water resources efforts of the four states and the Federal Government and provided the Commission with authority for management and protection of flood plains, water supplies, water quality, watersheds, recreation, fish and wildlife and cultural, visual and other amenities; and

Whereas, The Commission has provided for equitable treatment of all parties without regards to political boundary; and

Whereas, The Commission includes both the Delaware River and Delaware Bay, which serve the port of Philadelphia, a port that handles the largest volume of petroleum of all United States ports; and

Whereas, Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the Compact specifically provide for the Commission, with the consent of the parties in the matter of state of New Jersey v. state of New York et al. 347 U.S. 995 (1954) to apportion the water to and among the states; and

Whereas, The Commission has successfully negotiated all disputes or conflicts between parties without any appeal to the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, Section 13.3 of the Compact calls for the adoption and apportionment of the Commission's annual expense budget among the signatory parties to the Compact; and

Whereas, The United States is a duly constituted signatory party to the Compact; and

Whereas, In fiscal years 1996, 1997 and 1998, the Commission duly submitted its approved budgets to the President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress; and

Whereas, The Federal Government failed to provide full funding in fiscal year 1996 and failed to provide any funding in fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for the Commission's current expense budget and has, therefore, not met the funding requirement of section 13.3 of the Compact; and

Whereas, The Commission also has adopted and duly submitted to OMB a current expense budget for fiscal year 1999 that includes an apportionment for the Federal Government in the amount of no dollars; and

Whereas, The fair share apportionment of the Commission's annual expense budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 1999 is \$628,000; and

Whereas, The cumulative shortfall of Federal funding for the Commission since fiscal year 1996 is \$1.716 million; and

Whereas, The Commission pays the Federal Government approximately \$1.3 million per year to purchase storage in the Blue Marsh and Beltzville multipurpose reservoirs; and

Whereas, The Commission is the agent of Congress in the allocation of the waters of the basin among the signatory states; and

Whereas, The Commission, through its regulations and programs, protects interstate waters and the Delaware Bay and provides a forum for the prevention and settlement of interstate disputes that arise over the use of interstate waters; and

Whereas, Through these interstate functions and many other programs and activities, such as the coordination of the basin flood and drought forecasting and warning system, the Commission saves the Federal Government time, resources and money, thus advancing the welfare of the nation; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of the United States and Congress to provide the Commission with funding in an amount equal to what is owed for the Federal Government's share of the Commission's operating budgets for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of the United States and Congress to fulfill the Federal Government's obligation under the Delaware River Basin Compact to annually contribute the apportioned share of the Commission's future operating budgets; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-6. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 361

Whereas, In 1996, Congress enacted a provision that requires the United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop a computerized system of keeping track of the health history of every American. This electronic code represents the first national identification system since Social Security was initiated more than sixty years ago; and

Whereas, The national health identifier is designed to increase the information available to medical care professionals, public health officials and the scientific community for research purposes. One of the proposed ideas to implement this is to use Social Security numbers. Proponents of the national health identifier believe that the information will benefit billing systems, streamline treatment, and generally assist in the development of national disease data bases, which could help research efforts. While many of these worthy goals may result from an electronic file on each person, there are grave concerns for abuse resulting from the information; and

Whereas, Most people find little consolation in assurances that information compiled through the national health identifier would remain confidential. New reports of hackers breaking into various computer systems—even top security computers at the Pentagon—provide ample justification for skepticism. Every person's personal health history must remain private. Insurers, employers, and any number of groups could abuse the information in many ways; and

Whereas, It is significant to note that, when this provision was added to omnibus legislation in 1996, few people understood the ramifications of the policy and its potential threat to personal privacy. Many members of Congress acknowledge that they had no awareness that the measure included this mandate; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives has requested that Congress rescind the requirement for Social Security numbers to be included on applications for various state licenses; and

Whereas, Clearly, the potential for damage to people far outweighs the advantages to research or the convenience to insurance companies, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to rescind its mandate that the United States Department of Health and Human Services develop a national health identifier to track the health history of every American. We also urge Congress to re-

strict the use of Social Security numbers to the purposes of Social Security and uses permitted by law; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-7. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

Whereas, According to the American Heart Association, the following facts apply to cardiovascular diseases:

(a) Cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack, stroke, and high blood pressure, are the number one killer of women in the United States.

(b) One in five females has some form of major cardiovascular disease.

(c) Over 479,000 women die from cardiovascular diseases each year compared to 246,000 women who die from all cancer deaths combined; in addition five times as many females die from heart attacks as breast cancer.

(d) African American women in the range of 35 to 74 years of age are more than twice as likely to die from a heart attack as white women.

(e) In 1992, cardiovascular diseases resulted in the death of more than 43,800 women in California; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association is dedicated to reducing disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association funds biomedical research and conducts a variety of preventive education programs in communities throughout California; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association applauds the efforts of members of Congress in introducing legislation, the Women's Cardiovascular Diseases Research and Prevention Act and related measures, in order to provide funding to expand and intensify research, education, and outreach programs for heart disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and Congress to support the Women's Cardiovascular Diseases Research and Prevention Act before the Congress in order to provide funding to expand and intensify research, education, and outreach programs for heart disease; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-8. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

Whereas, The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191) authorized eligible individuals to claim a deduction from gross income subject to federal income taxes for amounts deposited during the taxable year to a medical savings account; and

Whereas, The Legislature provided conformity to that law under the Personal Income Tax Law by approving Chapter 954 of the Statutes of 1996; and

Whereas, The federal law contains a "cut-off year" which prohibits the deduction of

contributions by otherwise eligible individuals after that cut-off year unless the individual had already established a medical savings account or became covered under a high deductible health plan as an employee of a medical savings account participating employer; and

Whereas, The cut-off year is calendar year 2000, or sooner if the number of participants in medical savings accounts exceeds a certain number determined by a formula under the federal law; and

Whereas, Health insurance, generally, may not be purchased with amounts deposited in a medical savings account; and

Whereas, Health insurance premiums are not otherwise deductible by individuals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to remove the limitation on the number of persons who may have a medical savings account, to permit funds in a medical savings account to be used to pay premiums on any employee's health care medical plan or provide that those health care plan premiums be otherwise deductible, and to make the medical saving account provisions permanent; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-9. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 322

Whereas, Much of our country's manufacturing strength can be traced to the activities of the automobile industry in Michigan. Over the past century, the growth of this key industry has constituted a remarkable chapter in our history and our heritage. From the infancy of automobiles in Michigan to the industry's role during war, the process of manufacturing automobiles has meant more to our country than can be measured by economic statistics alone; and

Whereas, In an effort to recognize and preserve the cultural heritage of the automobile industry, interested citizens and organizations are working with members of Congress to establish a program to establish an automobile heritage area. The automobile heritage area would join the heritage areas already established in our country and maintained in conjunction with the National Park Service; and

Whereas, Two bills have been introduced in Congress to provide for the Automobile National Heritage Area. These measures, H.R. 3910 and S. 2104, would extend the program to corridors in the state with unique roles in Michigan's automobile history, including not only the metropolitan Detroit region, but also locations in Flint and Lansing; and

Whereas, There are presently sixteen heritage areas throughout the country. These help to preserve the history of the textile industry in Massachusetts, the role of the canals and other waterways in our nation's development, and several other unique components of America's past. The automobile industry certainly is an appropriate addition to this effort to save our cultural heritage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Automobile National Heritage Area Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-10. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 182

Whereas, Because of changes in technology, society, and the way our economy functions, the notion of the workplace is far different today than it was only a few years ago. More and more citizens work out of their homes. In addition to the obvious influence of computers, people are choosing to work at home to care for children and aging parents as well; and

Whereas, Under current law, expenses of maintaining a home office can be deducted from income for federal tax purposes only if an office is used exclusively for business. There are also stringent record-keeping requirements. These restrictions can place people working at home at a severe disadvantage in the marketplace. The current status also likely stifles the initiative of some entrepreneurs; and

Whereas, Government policies should encourage citizens to be responsible to their families and should not hinder efforts to increase productivity. Public policy must keep pace with the changes that are taking place in how Americans live and work. The models upon which the tax status of the home office was based do not reflect today's working world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to amend the Internal Revenue Code to remove the requirement that a home office must be used exclusively for business in order to be eligible for any tax deduction; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-11. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS) is a heinous autonomic neurological disease that causes severe burning pain, extreme sensitivity to touch, swelling, excessive sweating, and deterioration of the skin, tissue, muscles, and bones; and

Whereas, RSDS usually affects the arms and legs, but can affect any part of the body; and

Whereas, There are an estimated 6,000,000 people in the United States with this disease and, thus, it is not a rare disease; and

Whereas, The unremitting pain of RSDS has caused many people much physical and emotional misery; and

Whereas, There is no reason for these people to also suffer financial devastation and additional misery; and

Whereas, Under federal law, each person with RSDS who applies for Social Security disability insurance is considered on an individual basis and by the time benefits are awarded, it may take as long as three years; and

Whereas, In the interim, savings, belongings, and homes are lost and the stress from this financial devastation, along with the terrible pain, often results in the individual becoming severely depressed; and

Whereas, This financial misery could be lessened or averted if victims of RSDS qualified immediately for Social Security disability

insurance benefits upon proper diagnosis and progression to a state of disability; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the California Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to qualify automatically persons with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS) for Social Security disability insurance benefits upon proper diagnosis and progression to a state of disability; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-12. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

Whereas, The federal research and development tax credit expires on June 30, 1998; and

Whereas, The research and development tax credit enjoys broad, bipartisan support and provides a critical, effective, and proven incentive for companies to increase their investment in United States-based research; and

Whereas, Since Congress first enacted the research and development tax credit in 1981, two industries important to California's economy, the pharmaceutical and electronic industries, increased their research spending from \$10.5 billion to more than \$64.2 billion; and

Whereas, The research conducted by these industries alone has led to the development of many new drugs and medicines and has helped propel us into the Information Age; and

Whereas, While other countries continue to offer tax incentives and subsidies to businesses competing with United States companies, it is important that Congress continue to encourage investment in innovative technologies; and

Whereas, The structure of the research and development tax credit ensures that companies that benefit from the credit will continue to increase their research and development spending from year to year and also continue to add high-paying American jobs; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to permanently extend the research and tax credit, as proposed in H.R. 2819; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-13. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, The Republic of Cyprus has been illegally divided and occupied by Turkish forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations resolutions; and

Whereas, The international community and the United States government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign troops from the territory of Cyprus; and

Whereas, There are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation in Cyprus, including the proposal for the demili-

tarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a multinational force to ensure the security of both the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus, which has been endorsed by the international community including the United States government; and

Whereas, It is recognized that the prospect of Cyprus accession to the European Union will serve as a catalyst for resolving the situation in Cyprus; and

Whereas, A peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic, and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey; and

Whereas, The United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1092, adopted on December 23, 1996, with United States support; and

Whereas, In spite of unsuccessful high level meetings in 1997 and the United States led mediation efforts in May 1998, the situation has led to a stalemate in the efforts of the international community to reach a Cyprus settlement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the solution of the situation in Cyprus must be based on the parameters and principles set forth in House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41 both of the 105th Congress and the aforementioned United Nations Security Council Resolution 1092, regarding the situation in Cyprus; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, call the United States to continue their active support in finding a just, viable, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem within the United Nations framework and according to the said parameters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 254. A bill to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BREAU):

S. 255. A bill to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in payments for home health services provided under the medicare program, and to improve the quality of those home health services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 256. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote the use of universal product numbers on claims forms submitted for reimbursement under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 257. A bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a